

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-402-E - ORDER NO. 2000-0071
JANUARY 18, 2000

IN RE: Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas) ORDER *✓ DWJ*
Company for Approval of Proposed Changes) APPROVING
to Bus Routes of the Columbia Area Transit) STIPULATION
System.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for further examination of the changes to the Palmetto Estates bus route in the Columbia transit system. On September 29, 1999, this Commission issued Order No. 1999-685 in this Docket, in which we modified then-existing Palmetto Estates bus route. The thrust of the change was that the bus was removed from the Wheat Street portion of its route. Although the change was made after some notice, strong opposition to the change appeared after it had been instituted. Accordingly, discussions were begun with all interested persons in an attempt to resolve differences of opinion. Although one group of persons felt strongly that the Palmetto Estates buses should stay off of Wheat Street for safety reasons, another group felt just as strongly that the bus should be routed back onto Wheat Street, for both safety and convenience reasons.

Accordingly, a meeting was held with interested persons in attendance, in an attempt to resolve this issue. The parties were successful in their negotiations, and a Stipulation was developed, and signed by all interested persons. The Stipulation has now been filed with this Commission for approval, and is intended by the signatories as a

complete and final resolution to this matter. The signed Stipulation is attached to this

Order as Exhibit 1. The substance of the Stipulation is as follows:

1. The route for the Palmetto Estates Southeast Bound Route (Departing at Sumter and Laurel) will be modified as follows: Buses departing on Monday through Saturday at 6:55 a.m, 7:55 a.m, 8:55 a.m., 9:55 a.m., 10:55 a.m., 11:55 a.m., 12:55 p.m., 1:55 p.m., 2:55 p.m., 3:55 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 5:55 p.m. will proceed left from Harden Street to Wheat Street before taking a right onto Kilbourne. All other buses on the Palmetto Estates Southeast Bound Route will continue to operate as they do today.
2. Should smaller or alternative vehicles or funding for such vehicles be provided to SCE&G, SCE&G shall examine utilizing such vehicles for the Palmetto Estates route.
3. SCE&G shall continue to operate the vehicles on all routes, including the Palmetto Estates/ Shandon Bus Route at or below the posted speed limit.

We have examined the terms of the Stipulation and hold that the Stipulation is approved, and is hereby made a part of this Order. The Stipulation provides that SCE&G shall route the Palmetto Estates buses back onto Wheat Street during some portions of the day, however, during other portions of the day, the buses will operate as they do today, i.e., subject to our Order No. 1999-685, which will take those buses off of Wheat Street, and onto alternate routes. Further the Stipulation recognizes the possibility of using smaller vehicles for the Palmetto Estates bus route, should smaller or alternative vehicles or funding for such vehicles be provided to SCE&G. Finally, the Stipulation recognizes that SCE&G must continue to operate the buses on all routes, including the Palmetto Estates/Shandon Bus Route at or below the posted speed limit.

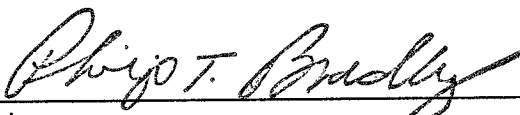
We hold that this Stipulation is fair to both sides of this dispute, in that it recognizes the need for safety and convenience for all citizens. We also hold that

approval of this Stipulation is in the public interest, since it sets conditions for a complete and final resolution of this matter while being fair to all persons, and promoting safety for all at the same time.


This Commission also holds that Notice of the change in the route shall be provided through proper channels through methods which are at the discretion of the Commission Staff, and the new route shall not begin until such time as said Notice is provided.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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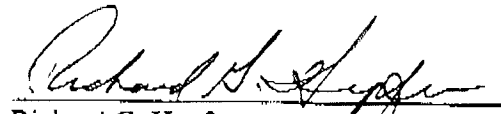
The purpose of this stipulation is to resolve all issues related to Docket Number 1999-402-E regarding a route change involving the Palmetto Estates/ Shandon Bus Route. The parties agree to the following conditions as a complete and final resolution of the above-referenced matter:

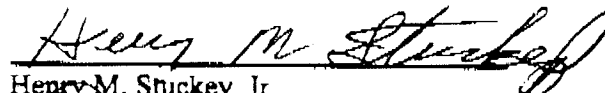
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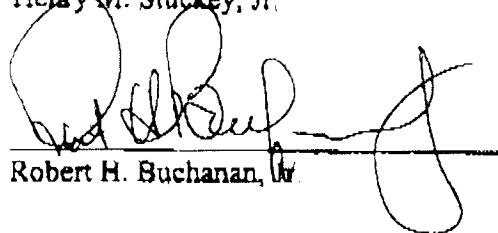
Dated this 13th of January, 2000

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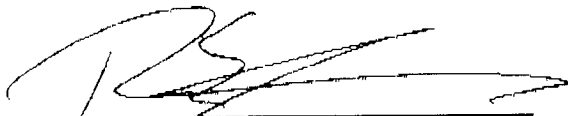
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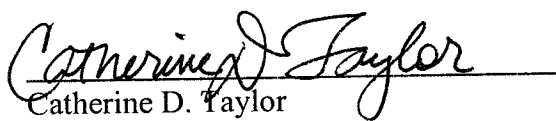
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